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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 4,

Line 60, please replace "tie" with -- the --.

Column 6,

Line 9, please replace "gag" with -- gap --.

Line 30, please replace "welder" with -- welded --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a cursive "Dudas".

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